projected increase for the next three years is given below :—

	Indian Airlines	Air India
1985-86	0.3	0 15.
1986-87	4.6	22.9
1987-88	9.0	13.7
1988-89	10.0*	0.6*
1989-90	10.0*	1.4*
1990-91	10.0*	0.9*

*These figures are estimated figures.

(c) Indian Airlines would induct 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft during 1989-90 which would help achieve the targeted percentage increase of 10 per cent. Air India, apart from its own aircraft capacity used for cargo carriage, hires chartered capacity from outside to meet the increased demands during the peak seasons. Air India has also introduced faster non-stop flights for cargo transport.

Government has decided to permit foreign carriers willing to uplift cargo from India during the peak seasons from January to July for tbe next two years and has already issued circulars in this regard.

Effect of change in stages on the DTC Bus fares

54. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 23rd September. 1988 under the caption 'D.T.C. creates confusion over fares';

(b) whether change of stages on routes in D.T.C, has resulted in increase in. fares for communities;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being lateen by Government to provide relief *to* commuters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Some adjustments in fare-stages o_n certain routes were made on the basis of suggestions received from travelling public as well as the members of the Traffic Supervisory Staff of D.T.C. In majority of the cases, the fare has actually been reduced.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-operation of private buses under D.T.C, on Sundays

55. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that prrvate buses operating on D.T.C, routes stop plying after seven p.m. on Sundays, thereby causing acute hardship to the commuters;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to improve the situation; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, the number of trips made by private buses on D.T.C, route nos. 334, 470, 490 and 630, starting from Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on Sundays after seven p.m. during last eight months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Instances of this nature have been brought to the notice of the D.T.C. On receipt of specific complaints/reports, the owners of such buses are summoned and instructions given to ensure operations of Scheduled trips. Besides this, cash penalities are also imposed on the defaulters. Whenever the operator sends prior intimation about his absence, DTC makes alternate arrangements with its own buses.

(c) Does not arise.